GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SCIENCE CITY AT AHMEDABAD
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Patel Shri Harilal Madhavjibhai;Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for financial assistance for development of the Science City Project at Ahmedabad from State Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the amount of assistance sanctioned and released in this regard; and

(d) the amount which is still proposed to be released ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) :Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Ministry of Culture has agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 9.00 crores to the Gujarat Council of Science City (GCSC) for setting up a Science city at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. Out of Rs. 9.00 crores, the Ministry has so far released Rs. 8.00 crores. The Ministry of Culture has received request from GCSC for release of balance amount Rs. 1.00 crore for the project. However, due to non-receipt of Annual Audited Statements of Accounts of the GCSC for the year 2002-03 onwards and Utilization Certificate for the grants released during year 2005-06, the Ministry is unable to release the balance amount of Rs. 1.00 crore.